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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, TRINIDAD EXPRESS JOINED OTHER TWO LOCAL DAILIES (SEE POST 0422) IN OPEN EDITORIAL CRITICISM OF JAMAICA PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S REPORTED STATEMENT NAMING CUBA AND SOVIET UNION AS "MODELS" FOR NATION BUILDING. UNDER HEAD "MANLEY AND THE SOVIET, CUBAN MODEL," EXPRESS SAID MANLEY "SEEMS A LITTLE TOO ANXIOUS TO MARKET HIS THIRD WORLD IDENTITY."

2. EXPRESS POINTED OUT THAT "THE SOVIET ACHIEVEMENT WAS ACHIEVED BY REPLACING THE TYRANNY OF THE CZARS WITH THE TYRANNY OF STALIN, AND EVEN THE SOVIETS THEMSELVES HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES THEY WERE LED BY A CRAZY MURDERER."

3. "IN CASTROS CASE, "EDITORIAL SAID,"IT IS CERTAIN HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LAST WITHOUT MASSIVE INJECTIONS OF SOVIET AID ON A SCALE WHICH HAS COME TO UNCLASSIFIED

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NO OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRY, PLUS A POLICY OF REPRESSION WITH WHICH CUBA IS FAMILIAR AS THE RESULT OF ITS HISTORY OF RULE BY PREVIOUS DICTATORS."

4. EXPRESS ASKED "WHEN MR. MANLEY OPTS FOR THESE MODELS, IS HE IN FAVOR OF REPRESSION OF A SIMILAR TYPE, THE END OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND OF THE PRESS, IMPRISONMENT OR

THE LUNATIC ASULUM FOR PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO TOE THE CULTURAL LINE, THE REGIMENTATION OF LABOR, THE STATE CONTROL OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE TRADE UNIONS?"

5. EXPRESS CONCLUDED THAT "WHEN HE (MANLEY) CRAWLS OUT ON THE SOVIET-CUBAN LIMBS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST TREE AND EXPRESSES UNQUALIFIED ADMIRATION FOR THEIR DEEDS, THEN HE IS INVITING SOMEBODY WITH A SHARP POLITICAL AXE TO COME ALONG AND CUT HIM DOWN."

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